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ADD 1 POWERS, WASHINGTON (UPI-90)
REP. CARL VINSON, D-GA., CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE AND OF A WATCHDOG SUBCOMMITTEE WITH JURISDICTION OVER THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, DECLINED TO SAY WHETHER THE SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD RE-OPEN THE U2 INCIDENT NOW THAT POWERS IS BACK.
THE SUBCOMMITTEE OPERATES IN ALMOST AS TIGHT A SECRECY CLOAK AS THE CIA ITSELF. VINSON WOULD NOT EVEN SAY THE SUBCOMMITTEE STUDIED THE CASE BEFORE. OBVIOUSLY, HOWEVER, IT DID, AS DID SEVERAL OTHER CONGRESSIONAL GROUPS AT THE TIME POWERS' PLANE WENT DOWN IN RUSSIA.
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CLEVELAND--SEN. STEPHEN M. YOUNG, D-OHIO, SAID SUNDAY THAT U2 PILOT FRANCIS GARY POWERS SHOULD HAVE DESTROYED HIS PLANE WHEN IT WAS FORCED DOWN OVER RUSSIA.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON POWERS, YOUNG SAID HE WOULD "HAVE PREFERRED TO GIVE POWERS THE CHARITY OF MY SILENCE."

"I DO WISH THAT THIS PILOT--WHO WAS BEING PAID \$30,000 A YEAR--HAD SHOWN ONLY 10 PER CENT OF THE SPIRIT AND COURAGE OF NATHAN HALE," HE SAID.

YOUNG SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE POWERS SHOULD BE COURT MARTIALED AND ADDED, "BUT IF IT IS UP TO ME, I AM GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT HE NEVER FLIES FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AGAIN."

HE SAID HE CONSIDERED DIETRICK PRYOR, SON OF AN OHIO MANUFACTURER, THE MORE VALUABLE OF THE TWO AMERICANS EXCHANGED WITH RUSSIA FOR RUDOLPH ABEL.

"I AM SORRY FOR POWERS AND I AM GLAD WE GOT PRYOR BACK," HE SAID.

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